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BY-LAWS.

The following By Laws are presented to the Town for their consideration.

SECT. 1. No person shall be permitted to coast on any sidewalk within the town of Easton; and whenever complaint shall be made to the selectmen that the practice of coasting on any of the streets in said town has become dangerous to the public, they may post up a notice in some conspicuous place on the side or corner of any such street, forbidding all persons to coast on the same; and any person violating the provisions of this article, by coasting on the sidewalks at any time, or elsewhere, after notice as above, shall pay a fine of not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars for each offence, to be recovered of the offenders, their parents or guardians.

SECT. 2. Any person placing any obstruction on any sidewalk or highway of the town, without a permit from the selectmen or road commissioners, who shall not remove such obstruction immediately after receiving notice from police officer, constable, or selectman of the town, shall forfeit and pay a fine of three dollars for each offence, and three dollars additional for every six hours such obstruction shall be allowed to remain.

SECT. 3. Every owner or driver of any vehicle, stopping on any highway of the town so as to interfere with the passage of other vehicles, or which shall attract such a number of persons

as shall obstruct or delay the passage of vehicles, shall remove such obstruction immediately when ordered by any police officer or constable, or shall pay a fine of three dollars for every such offence.

SECT. 4. Any persons standing or loitering upon any sidewalk or cross-walk, to the annoyance, of or obstruction of a free passage for foot passengers, shall immediately disperse when ordered to do so by any of the selectmen, police officers or constables, or shall severally forfeit and pay a fine of three dollars.

SECT. 5. No person shall use any profane, indecent or insulting language in any street, sidewalk or other public place in the town, or near any dwelling house or other building therein; or remain upon any public passage way, or way to any public hall or church, court, or public office, or upon any doorstep, portico, or other projection from any such house or building, to the annoyance, disturbance, or obstruction of any person lawfully entitled to pass or resort thereto; and no person shall sit upon any wall, fence, bank or door step facing on any public place, not being the owner or occupant thereof, without the express consent of said owner or occupant; and for any offence against this by-law, each offender shall pay a fine of five dollars.

SECT. 6. No person shall by any noise, gesture or other means, wantonly or designedly frighten or drive any horse in charge of another person, in any street or public place in town, and for any violation of this article each offender shall pay a fine of five dollars.

SECT. 7. Whoever in any way attaches any poster, handbill, notice, advertisement or placard to, or upon any wall, fence, building or structure not his own, without the permission of the owners or proprietors thereof; and whoever affixes, paints, draws, stamps or cuts any notice, advertisement or mark, upon or into any wall, fence, post, tree, building or structure, not his own; or mars, defaces or disfigures in any way such wall, fence, post, tree, building or structure, without the permission of the owner thereof, shall forfeit and pay for each offence, a fine of not less than one, nor more than twenty dollars.

SECT. 8. Every child in the town between the ages of seven and fifteen years, who shall be an habitual truant from school, and also all children who do not attend school and are wandering about the streets or public places of the town, having no lawful occupation or business, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty dollars, to be recovered by complaint before any justice or court having jurisdiction, or by commitment to any institution of instruction or reformation, as shall be designated by the town for that purpose.

SECT. 9. No person shall play at ball, or throw balls, stones, snowballs or any other missels, within or upon any of the steets of the town.

SECT. 10. Every violation of any by-law of the town, except the penalty is specially stated, shall be punished by a fine of not less than two dollars nor more than twenty dollars, to be recovered by complaint before any district court in the county of Bristol; and all fines, where not otherwise provided shall be paid over to the Town Treasurer for the use of the town.

Annual Report
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF EASTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

JAMES RANKIN,
WM. L. CHAFFIN,
L. S. DRAKE.

TEACHERS EMPLOYED DURING THE YEAR.

No. 1	L. M. Toothaker,	No. 7	C. L. Polson,
" 2	P. B. Cathelle,	" 7	E. C. Polson,
" 2	Jessie Bird,	" 7	Mattie H. Chase,
" 3	L. M. Heath,	" 7	Mary E. McEvoy,
" 6	Carrie A. Keith,	" 7	Anna Chase,
" 7	M. C. Lamprey,	" 7	Caroline Watson,
" 7	Mary V. Morse,	" 7	Mrs. Etta Andrews,
" 7	Rebecca C. Brooks,	" 8	Helen L. Gay,
" 7	Belle Calef,	" 9	Nellie M. French,
" 7	Mary A. Higginbottom,	" 10	Louisa C. Young,
" 7	Jessie F. Russell,	Union	L. R. Beadle,
" 7	Marian E. Fitton,	"	Louise F. Williams.
" 7	Mary J. Reynolds,		

Emma C. Kaan.

REPORT.

To the Citizens of Easton:—

Your School Committee present the following report for the year 1880:—

STATISTICS.

Number of scholars in town May 1, 1880,	
between five and fifteen years of age,	807
This is a loss from the year before of,	24
Number of different scholars of all ages	
enrolled on the school registers for 1880,	922
Number of those over fifteen years of age,	103
Number under five years,	11
Average amount per scholar appropriated	
by the towns of the State in 1879,	\$10 55
Average amount per scholar appropriated	
by the towns of the State in 1880,	\$10 39

APPROPRIATION.

By the above figures it appears that, to comply with the first condition of the Ames Bequest, it will be necessary to appropriate the sum of \$10.39 per scholar. This is 16 cents less per scholar than the amount required a

year ago. The whole sum is obtained by multiplying this average by the number of scholars between 5 and 15 years of age reported May 1st, 1880. This will be $\$10.39 \times 807 = \$8,384.73$ or nearly four hundred dollars less than in 1880.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The account of receipts and expenditures for the year will be found appended to this report. The proportionate expense of No. 7 compared with other parts of the town has been maintained in accordance with the second and third conditions named in the bequest, viz: that as much money per scholar "from the money raised by taxation for schools" should be appropriated for the scholars at No. 7 as for scholars in all the schools in town, and that three fourths of the income of the bequest should be applied to No. 7.

The amount per scholar appropriated in 1880 was \$10.55. No. 7 had 513 scholars and the part of the appropriation for No. 7 was $10.55 \times 513 =$ \$5,412 15
Add three fourths of income of bequest, 3,000 00

Total that must be spent at No. 7, \$8,412 15

Amount actually expended, was 8,587 66

and the conditions of the bequest were accordingly complied with. The expenses for No. 7 are as follows:

Salaries of teachers,	\$6746 80
Janitor,	408 33
Proportion of music and drawing,	218 85
Proportion of supplies and organs,	834 73
Fuel,	378 95

Total expense in No. 7, \$8587 66

This, of course, includes the high school expenses.

The expense in other parts of the town, \$4601 04

Calculating by the number of scholars between 5 and 15 years of age, the cost per scholar outside No. 7 was	\$14 46
The cost in No. 7 including all high school scholars except those enumerated on No. 7's list of scholars between 5 and 15 years,	\$14 40

It will be noticed that our totals do not agree with those of the Town Treasurer. This is because he has included in his account of expenses for schools a bill for school desks and furniture, and a bill for legal advice. These could not be included in the committees account, as they do not properly and legally come under the support of schools.

The desks and furniture were provided for the new school room at No. 7 and cost \$182.69.

The legal advice was necessitated by the vote of the town relative to free text books: but this bill includes all the legal charges for advice to this and other points concerning the Bequest, which your committee were obliged to seek. The amount of the bill was \$50.

The unexpended balance of \$61.58 we shall carry forward to the account for 1881, as it would be manifestly wrong for these unexpended balances, resulting from the income of the bequest, to go into the town treasury.

FREE TEXT BOOKS.

It was voted at the last town meeting, that the School Committee should provide free text books for the scholars of the town, and that the same be paid for out of the appropriation for schools, *provided it could be legally*

done. Your committee believe that such an expenditure would be *legal*, but that it could not be made without forfeiting the Ames, Bequest; and for the following reasons: One condition necessary to retain the bequest is that the town shall raise a sum of money, per scholar, for the support of schools, equal to the average amount per scholar for the towns of the state. That average amount per scholar is computed from the money actually raised by taxation for the three main items of expense, viz: "wages and board of teachers, fuel for the schools, and care of fires and schoolrooms."

Of course our average amount per scholar must be computed in the same way, *i. e.* on the amount appropriated for the three items of expense above named.

But if the town expended part of such appropriation for another purpose, (*e. g.* free text books,) such part must be deducted from the appropriation, and then the average amount per scholar appropriated in Easton would *fall below* that of the scholars in the towns of the state, and we should forfeit our bequest.

All this seemed perfectly clear to your committee. But in order to comply with the vote of the town, we sought for legal advice upon the subject, and we applied to Judge E. H. Bennett, of Taunton, for an opinion.

After giving the subject careful study, Judge Bennett referred to the danger of the forfeiture of the bequest by the proposed use of a part of the school appropriation for purchasing free text books, in the following terms:

"I think such a consequence so possible, and perhaps so probable, that it would be great folly to run the risk, for if the town first votes to raise (say) \$8,000 for the 'Support of Schools' and then votes that the school committee purchase text books out of that appropriation, the school committee can, of course, report to the secre-

tary of the Board of Education under chap. 40, sec. 4, [see substituted section] only such balance of the \$8,000 as is left after buying the school books, (say) \$7,500. Therefore the Secretary must divide that sum by the number of scholars reported, in order to get the amount raised per scholar, as he will do in all other towns of the Commonwealth. If therefore his official report shows that the amount per scholar raised in Easton is less than the average amount raised the previous year in the several towns of the Commonwealth 'for the same purposes' it is obvious your Ames bequest is in great peril!"

Hon. J. W. Dickinson, Secretary of the State Board of Education, writes us to the same effect. The result of our examination, then, is that, though a town may legally designate part of its regular school appropriation to purchase free text books, yet Easton can not do so without forfeiting the bequest, unless *after such purchase*, the appropriation shall still equal the amount per scholar appropriated in the several towns of the state.

Whether or not the free text books could legally be paid for from the income of the Ames bequest is an entirely different question. To your committee it is perfectly clear that such a use of that income would be a palpable violation of its spirit and letter. That bequest is for the *support of schools* and the purchase of *free* text books, though for some reasons desirable, is in no just sense for the support of schools. Schools can be supported and are supported without free text books. Books are already provided in a different way. The purchase of free text books would of course be a great relief to the poor, would induce a fuller attendance of scholars perhaps, but such purchase would either require, in the case of our town, an additional appropriation, or would involve, in our opinion, the *forfeiture of the bequest*.

But it will be noticed that the school rooms have been supplied with *organs*; and the question may be asked, why organs could be paid for from the income, and free text books could not. We can perhaps give no better answer than to publish the following letter, which embodies the legal opinion of one of the most eminent legal authorities in the state. It is well to have it on record, also, because of its bearing upon two other points.

“5 Pemberton Square,

Boston, February 20, 1880.

Frederic L. Ames Esq.

Dear Sir:—

I am of opinion that no forfeiture of the legacy of your father of \$50,000 to the Town of Easton for the support of the Public Schools of the Town, would be incurred by appropriating any part of the income of the fund to the purchase of maps, books of reference, or apparatus, for the use of such schools, or any musical instrument (a piano for instance) to be used in musical instruction in any such school in which musical instruction is by law permitted or required; *provided* the conditions of raising the amount by the town for the support of schools, and the application of the part of the income of the fund to the schools at North Easton, which his will requires, is faithfully complied with.

I do not think any thing not used for direct teaching, but only for embellishment, like pictures, or other decorations of a school room, could properly be purchased from the income of the fund bequeathed.

This would not seem to me to come within the legal meaning of “the support of public schools.” But the

implements of instruction are of the same character with the wages of the teacher.

It is not in my opinion, obligatory upon the town to spend the whole of the income for each year within the year. But if there is any surplus it may be spent the succeeding year, only upon the same or similar objects and upon the same conditions.

The will does not contemplate any accumulation of principal.

Very truly yours,

(signed) E. R. HOAR."

SALARIES OF TEACHERS.

Complaints are occasionally made regarding the salaries of teachers. Such complaints, as made to us, are usually founded upon a comparison of the wages of teachers with the wages of the complainants. But is not this a false standard of comparison? Prices of labor in this, as in other departments, are regulated by the law of supply and demand. Good teachers are greatly in demand and they consequently command large wages. Their work is trying and exhaustive, and is not, as some imagine, confined to the six hours of school session.

No considerable increase has been made in the salaries of any teachers except of those who had been offered more elsewhere, and whom we could not otherwise retain. If they are worth such wages elsewhere, they are probably worth it here; and the greatest benefit of our bequest is in enabling us to retain the services of such teachers as have had marked success in our schools.

The more experience we have, the more evident does it appear that nearly everything depends upon having trustworthy, competent, hardworking, successful teach-

ers. It is very difficult to find persons who unite in themselves the qualities essential to success in teaching, such as conscientiousness, thoroughness, patience, refinement, and hearty interest in scholars and school work. The value of such a combination of qualities cannot be expressed in dollars and cents, and parents who have an intelligent regard for the best interests of their children will be slow to pardon any school committee that allow such teachers to leave because of receiving better wages, provided these wages are such as we can afford to pay. Let us have good teachers and we shall have good schools; and such teachers we cannot have unless we will pay them what their services will command in other places.

DETAILED REPORTS.

For special items of information relative to the several districts in town, we refer to the statistical table appended to this report. In that table will be found the number of scholars in each district between the ages of 5 and 15 years, the whole number of scholars for each term of school, their average attendance, the percentage of attendance, the number over 15 and under 5 years of age attending, and the cost of teachers in the several districts. There has not been much change from last year in the character and management of the schools, or in the number of scholars attending. Great improvement has however been observable in No. 2, and it deserves this special notice. No. 10 has a remarkably large list of those neither absent, tardy nor dismissed. The High School has increased in numbers, having 76 scholars in the last term. One hundred different scholars attended during the year, a large class graduating in July. Of this one hundred, one third were from districts outside of No. 7

and five were from Raynham. (See note under statistical table.) The changes in school accommodations at North Easton, elsewhere described, have led to better grading and arrangement, and the over-crowded condition of the primaries is now avoided.

SEWING IN NO. EASTON SCHOOLS.

At the suggestion of the member of the Committee having special charge of the No. Easton schools, and with the consent of the other members, the experiment of teaching sewing was tried during the year.

“An act authorizing the teaching of sewing in the Public Schools” passed the Legislature and was approved Feb. 1, 1876. Many valid reasons favor such teaching. The great importance of our girls becoming skilful with the needle is too evident to need a moment’s argument. It is equally evident that many grow up without becoming thus skilful; and the results of ignorance and want of dexterity in this needful art are deplorable to themselves and to those whom it becomes their lot to serve.

How then shall they obtain sufficient knowledge and skill in sewing?

The only sure way is to make this a part of the regular compulsory education. It is certainly more important and a better preparation for the duties of life than some things now taught, and its teaching is now authorized by law. It is objected that home is the place for such instruction; but is it not a fact that in many homes no such instruction is given? Many mothers, with large families and much work and care, do not find time to teach their daughters sewing as it ought to be taught. Some mothers who might find time for this instruction, neglect to give it; others do not know how to sew well themselves, and cannot therefore teach their

children. Moreover, some children have no mothers at all to teach them.

These are very urgent reasons for attempting this instruction in our public schools, where it may be begun early, pursued systematically, and taught by a skilled teacher. It may be objected that this is using time for the girls at the expense of the boys. But only about one hour a week is employed for this purpose; and in all but the primary schools the teachers are instructed to use that hour to drill the boys in reading (in which as a rule they are less proficient than the girls) and in general exercises and reviews, so that this may be one of the most profitable hours of all the week, even to the boys.

The experiment is working well. Good progress is made; and this work is so evidently wise and beneficial, that opposition to it seems suggestive of thoughtlessness or stupidity.

It is a move in the right direction,—that of a practical training of young persons for the actual duties they will soon have to encounter. If anything equally useful can be suggested for the boys, we shall be glad to attempt it. The problem of industrial education is receiving much attention in some quarters, and at Gloucester, for instance, the school boys have some systematic teaching in the use of a few of the common tools which they necessarily employ afterwards, such as the saw, hammer, plane, chisel, &c. It will not do to attempt too many things in our school instruction; but we should aim to make the schools, more than they now are, educators for the practical duties of life.

REPAIRS.

It will be noticed that we have overrun the appropriation for repairs. This was rendered imperative by the need of remedying the overcrowded condition of the primary schools at No. 7. In the North Easton school house there were attending at one time as many as 539 scholars, and some further accommodations were rendered necessary. Your committee deliberated carefully upon the subject. One of three things must be done,—either build an additional school house, make an addition to the present building, or divide the school house hall into two school rooms. The latter was the most economical plan. It involved the unpleasant necessity of giving up the hall; but we received assurance that for annual graduation exercises the hall in the new Oakes Ames Memorial Building would be available. Permanent partitions were therefore erected in the hall, ante-rooms provided, and two excellent new school rooms secured for use. As the generosity of Hon. Oliver Ames had furnished the means of beautifying the first and second stories of the building, we deemed it advisable to have the walls of the third carefully cleaned and whitened, so that the whole building might present a good appearance. These extensive changes we had thought might be postponed for another year, and we did not therefore call for an appropriation to cover them at the last town meeting; but as it became evident that such a postponement would be a detriment to the health of the overcrowded scholars, we proceeded with the work according to our best judgment. With most other persons, we believe that it is not desirable to overrun appropriations; but this work had to be done, and it did not appear to us best to call a special town meeting to make an additional appropriation for it. We recommend for the current year the sum of \$400 for repairs.

HEATING APPARATUS AT NO. EASTON.

The cold winter has tried the heating apparatus severely. In a building less exposed there would not be so much difficulty in making the rooms comfortable with our present heating arrangements, which include six furnaces.

But the building is exposed to all winds, and the circulation of the hot air in the air pipes is, as everyone knows, greatly affected by winds, especially in exposed situations. There are days when it is impossible to heat some of the rooms, and during the severe weather of the passing winter, in some instances several schools have had to be dismissed; on one day as many as four schools could not prudently be in session. And it often happens that pupils and teacher are uncomfortable from the low temperature in two or three of the rooms. These interruptions are detrimental to the instruction and dangerous to the health of the scholars.

It is the opinion of your committee that this school house will not be comfortably heated until steam heating apparatus is substituted for the present furnaces. With such apparatus the heat can be easily and quickly carried just where it is wanted, unaffected by winds, and the present interruptions and discomfort will be at an end; it would be safer, also. The introduction of steam heating is to be recommended on grounds of *economy*; for though considerable cost would attend its introduction, the annual expenses for coal, now so large, would be much less, and the town would in the end be a gainer by the exchange. A man having some knowledge of the difference between the two methods under discussion has declared that he would introduce the steam heating apparatus if he could be guaranteed the sum of what, by this plan, would be saved in the cost of coal at No. 7 for the next ten years.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

We gratefully acknowledge the kindness of Hon. Oliver Ames in having the rooms and halls of the North Easton School house tastefully frescoed. The work was well done ; carefully selected mottoes are painted upon the walls, and the ceiling of the high school room is adorned with a representation of the solar system. The rooms are now made very pleasant, and their appearance must have some effect in refining the tastes of the children. Mr. Ames deserves the hearty thanks of all who are interested in the welfare and enjoyment of our school children.

MUSIC AND DRAWING.

The systematic teaching of these two branches of study was suspended after the summer term because of the difficulty of obtaining a suitable teacher, at what we considered a reasonable salary. We have found it almost impossible to find any one person who could give competent instruction in *both* these special branches. But such a teacher we expect to secure soon, and then the work will go on. Now that organs are procured, the study of music will be much more profitable and interesting. We append the usual accounts, tables &c. all of which we respectfully submit and recommend to your attention.

JAMES RANKIN.
WM. L. CHAFFIN.
L. S. DRAKE.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation for 1880.	\$8767 05	
Income from the Ames Bequest,	4000 00	
Income from State School Fund,	181 09	
Amount from Dog Tax,	264 75	
Tuition of out of town scholars,	44 00	
		13,256 89
Less amount overspent last year,		7 01
Total available for support of schools 1880.		\$13,249 88

EXPENDITURES.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

M. C. Lamprey,	1500 00
Mary V. Morse,	650 00
Rebecca C. Brooks,	500 00
Belle Calef,	390 00
Mary A. Higginbottom,	390 00
Marion E. Fitton,	351 00
Jessie F. Russell,	351 00
Mary J. Reynolds,	338 00
C. L. Polson,	398 33
Emma C. L. Polson,	208 00
Mattie Chase,	475 00
Anna Chase,	451 24
Carrie C. Watson,	327 00
Mary McEvoy,	286 00
Mrs. Etta Andrews,	131 50
Emma C. Kaan, (Salary and conveyance.)	354 50
L. M. Toothaker,	468 00
Helen L. Gay,	397 00

Jessie Bird,	282 00
P. B. Cathelle,	96 00
Lucy R. Beadle,	487 50
Louise F. Williams,	370 50
Lousia C. Young,	344 00
Carrie A. Keith,	317 90
Lottie M. Heath,	331 50
Nellie M. French,	318 50
	\$10,514 47

FUEL.

T. H. & J. O. Dean, bill of coal.	457 93
F. B. Littlefield, bill for wood and labor,	109 75
C. W. Smith bill for wood and labor.	56 37
Macy Record, bill for wood and labor,	56 37
J. W. Godfrey, bill for wood,	7 44
C. E. Keith, bill for wood,	5 62
	\$693 48

CARE OF SCHOOLHOUSES.

Care of house, No. 1	\$18 05
“ “ 2	18 50
“ “ 3	20 40
“ “ 6	24 00
“ “ 7	408 33
“ “ 8	18 05
“ “ 9	19 00
“ “ 10	18 00
“ Union	60 00
“ “ 7, 1879.	9 25
	\$613 58

SUPPLIES AND SUNDRIES.

O. Ames & Sons Corp. supplies	\$45 68
D. Martin, clocks and repairs	15 75
O. D. Dana, call bells and record books,	6 55
William Ware, paper and cards	6 60
W. H. Faunce, text books for teachers	13 21
L. Prang, drawing books	24 86
Knight, Adams & Co., supplementary readers	12 00
M. W. Tewksbury, supplementary readers	19 56
J. L. Hammett, erasers, ink &c.	28 50
D. Appleton & Co., supplementary readers	33 43
Boston School Supply Co., practice paper	8 10
Hall & Whiting, drawing material	28 18
H. A. Dickerman, ink, crayon, paper &c.,	62 80
Ginn & Heath, text books for teachers	5 60
J. Bufford Sons, diplomas	8 78
L. S. Drake, text books and supplies	16 25
Peter Turner, moulding table	15 00
Lockwood, Brooks & Co., books	9 75
A. P. Smith, printing	6 00
Two Sets Johnson's Cyclopedia	112 00
Geo. Woods & Co., organs	875 00
Freight and Express bills	13 07
	\$1366 67

RECAPULATION.

Receipts from all sources,		\$13,249 88
Salaries of teachers	\$10,514 47	
Fuel	693 48	
Care of Schoolhouses	613 58	
Supplies and sundries, including organs	\$1,366 67	\$13,188 20
Balance carried to account of 1881.		\$61 68

REPAIRS ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURES.

DeWitt Bros. bill, stock and labor	\$415 27
J. D. Atwood's bill, stock and labor	189 66
Henry McArdle, labor	3 00
Rufus Willis, labor	8 25
Geo. E. Keith, labor	9 40
John McNamara, labor	7 40
E. P. Spooner, stock and labor	35 00
F. E. Goward, stock and labor	48 00
E. N. Morse, stock and labor	19 48
Benjamin Nye, labor	2 50
O. R. Leonard, stock and labor	18 00
J. & A. Kohler, stock and labor	16 00
J. O. Dean, bill, labor, stock &c.,	25 48
L. S. Drake, bill, labor, stock &c.,	49 01
W. L. Chaffin, paid for labor at No. 7,	26 18
Express bills	3 20
Total,	\$875 83
Amount appropriated March, 1880	400 00
Exceeded appropriation	\$475 83

STATISTICAL TABLE.

DISTRICT.	Children between 5 and 15 years, May 1, 1880.	Whole No. of scholars each term	Average Attendance.	Percentage of attendance.	Over 15	Under 5.	Cost of teachers in each district
HIGH SCHOOL, Winter,		65	59.25	.87	42		
Spring,		63	58.17	.92	42		
Fall,		76	69.29	.91	44		\$2150.00
No. 1, Winter,		34	31.00	.91	2		
Spring,	42	43	33.94	.79	4		468.00
Fall,		40	32.00	.80			
No. 2, Winter,		29	22.00	.76	1		
Spring,	28	33	29.00	.88	3	1	378.00
Fall,		29	22.00	.76	2		
No. 3, Winter,		24	19.32	.81	2		
Spring,	25	26	21.16	.81	1		331.50
Fall,		26	20.38	.78	1		
UNION, Winter,		90	70.17	.78	8	1	
Spring,	77	79	64.27	.81	4	1	858.00
Fall,		80	65.54	.82	6		
No. 6, Winter,		17	14.73	.87	4		
Spring,	16	15	10.89	.73	3		317.90
Fall,		16	12.20	.76	2		
No. 7,* Winter,		417	350.04	.83	4	3	
Spring,	509	447	380.25	.85	5		4597.07
Fall,		463	394.58	.85	5		
No. 8, Winter,		27	24.00	.89	2		
Spring,	38	32	27.00	.84	2	1	397.00
Fall,		32	28.23	.88	1		
No. 9, Winter,		29	24.70	.85	1		
Spring,	34	36	26.75	.74		2	318.50
Fall,		31	24.12	.78		2	
No. 10, Winter,		21	17.71	.84	1		
Spring,	38	29	25.71	.88			344.00
Fall,		26	19.40	.74			
Music and drawing teacher,							\$54.50
	807	1922	665.90	.81	103	11	\$10514.47

* Exclusive of High School Scholars. The whole number of different scholars who have attended the High School during the year was 100. Of these, 62 were from North Easton, 33 from other parts of the town. (viz: 10 from No. 1, 2 from No. 2, 5 from No. 3, 2 from Union district, 3 from No. 6, 6 from No. 8, 3 from No. 9,) and five from Raynham.

† Of different scholars for the whole year.

Selectmen's Report.

The Selectmen of the Town of Easton submit the following report for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1880.

ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

ACCOUNT OF STOCK, ETC., AT ALMSHOUSE, DEC. 31ST, 1880.

25 tons English hay,	\$625 00
3 tons meadow hay,	36 00
2 tons straw,	50 00
1 horse,	125 00
2 oxen,	150 00
7 cows,	245 00
3 2 year olds,	60 00
3 yearlings,	30 00
11 swine,	85 00
75 fowls,	37 50
8 bushels beans,	16 00
290 bushels potatoes,	217 50
6 " carrots,	3 00
10 " flat turnips,	2 50
80 " French turnips,	40 00
12 " beets,	4 00
5 " parsnips,	2 50
26 " rye,	26 00
11 " sweet corn,	8 25

4 bushels corn,	2 84
8 " meal,	5 36
1½ bbls. cranberries,	9 00
17 " apples,	21 25
392 lbs. bacon,	39 20
500 " pork,	50 00
123 " lard.	12 30
25 " butter,	9 50
1000 " squashes,	10 00
26 gallons kerosene,	3 25
640 " vinegar,	80 00
520 " cider,	52 00
10 " soap,	1 25
1 bbl. flour,	9 00
½ " crackers,	1 25
6 tons coal,	39 00
Groceries,	13 00
Lumber,	25 00
Wood, 5 cords,	20 00
	2166 45

EXPENDITURES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Groceries,	222 17
Flour,	198 71
Grain,	500 55
Meat,	195 44
Fish,	40 30
Other Provisions,	57 88
Clothing and Bedding,	243 56
Boots and Shoes,	86 44
Household Utensils,	46 53
School Books and Stationery,	11 95
Labor,	716 74
Blacksmithing,	31 99
Farming Tools,	91 21

Stock,	200 75
Hay,	50 57
Furniture,	3 75
Coal,	69 34
Seed,	22 26
Vegetables,	4 14
Fertilizers,	10 01
Lumber,	3 94
Wood,	2 00
Drain Pipe,	22 16
Repairs,	193 33
Medicine,	6 78
Burial Expenses,	15 50
Sundries,	10 42
Warden's Salary,	425 00
Valuation December 31st, 1879.	1413 83
	\$4897 25

RECEIPTS OF ALMSHOUSE.

672 lbs. Butter,	211 51
Milk,	85 13
Cider,	2 60
Vegetables,	96 11
Eggs and Fowls,	121 29
Meat,	35 42
Grain,	5 38
Stock,	203 26
Board,	55 98
Labor,	118 09
Wood,	309 37
Calves,	6 57
Swine,	91 22
Groceries,	4 87
Lumber,	20 57
Junk,	10 79

Sundries,	23 26
Hearse,	4 00
Stock &c., December 31st, 1880,	2166 45
	3571 87
Expenditures,	4897 25
Receipts,	3571 87
Balance against Almshouse,	1325 38

INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Names.	Age.	Weeks in Almshouse.
Asa Drake,	66	52
George W. Quinley,	80	52
Rebecca Allen,	80	52
Susan Bonney,	70	51
Peter Nelson,	64	52
Lavina Nelson,	48	52
Welena Nelson,	13	40
William Nelson,	12	52
Jeneva Nelson,	10	52
Francis Nelson,	9	52
Elizabeth A. French,	30	9
Wm. H. French,	4	9
Loveyetna Randall,	9	5
Mary Kelly,	37	27
Hattie Kelly,	11	26
Mabel Kelly,	4	27
Charles M. Randall,	48	52
C. Frank Williams,	50	52
Almy Fryes,	33	52
Clarence Dickerman,	6	52
Hiram French,	77	44
Nellie M. Walker,	18	10
Wm. H. Walker,	2	5
John E. Jackson,	13	52
Wm. S. Holmes,	52	41

James Adams,	78	52
Alfred Lincoln,	30	3
Patrick Smith,	61	20
Whole number,		28
Males,		16
Females,		12
Average number for year,		20 $\frac{5}{2}$
Died,		1
Discharged,		8
Now in Almshouse,		19
Average cost per week above income of farm,		\$1.24
Number of Tramps,		146
Estimated cost,		\$29.20

EXPENSES OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

For John W. Marshall.		
Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital,		186 57
For Maria Kelly,		
Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital,		172 84
For Sarah J. Jackson		
Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital,		155 27
For Matthew Campion,		
Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital,		181 46
For Ada M. Randall,		
Paid Northampton Lunatic Hospital,		183 36
For Matthew Campion's Family,		
Paid George G. Withington, cash,	60.00	
Paid O. Ames & Sons, groceries &c.,	60.00	
		120 00
For Mrs. Patrick Reynold's family,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons, groceries,		96 00
For Mrs. David Conners,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons, groceries &c.,		60 00
For Dennis Coughlin,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons, groceries,	11 00	
Paid Charles Carr, meat,	1 00	
		12 00

For Matthew Welch,		
Paid O. Ames, clothing,		12 35
For Nancy Wade,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons, clothing,		4 00
For Mrs. James Murphy,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons, clothing,	1 50	
J. D. Page, groceries,	3 00	
		4 50
For Hannah Willis,		
Paid G. G. Withington, cash,		52 29
For Lydia Godfrey,		
Paid Isaac Drew, board,	40 00	
Geo. L. Kimball, groceries,	10 00	
		50 00
For Lawrence Connell,		
Paid G. G. Withington, cash,		10 00
For Solomon Stone,		
Paid E. Minot Stone, board &c.,	40 00	
Joel S. Drake, groceries,	64 00	
William Murphy, nursing,	20 00	
G. G. Withington & Co., medicine,	1 15	
		125 15
For Mrs. James McGinty,		
Paid O. Ames & Son, coal and groceries,	93 19	
David B. Williams, wood:	2 62	
G. G. Withington & Co., medicine,	15	
T. H. & J. O. Dean, coal	6 50	
Easton Town Farm, wood,	3 50	
		105 96
For Mrs. Patrick Donavan,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons, coal and groceries,	131 74	
G. G. Withington & Co., medicines,	3 65	
		135 39
For Christian Thoursse family,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons, coal and groceries,	91 53	
T. H. & J. O. Dean, coal,	6 50	
Hiram Williams, wood,	1 75	
		99 78

For Wm. T. Austin.		
Paid O. Ames & Sons, groceries.	56 33	
Horace Phillips, wood,	1 75	
Easton Town Farm,	21 75	
		79 83
For Ellen Callahan,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons, groceries,	20 00	
G. G. Withington & Co., medicines,	65	
E. P. Spooner, repairing stove,	3 00	
Andrew N. Grady, flour,	40 00	
		63 65
For Davis Wade, *		
Paid J. A. Pratt, wood,	1 75	
G. G. Withington & Co., medicines,	2 85	
		4 60
For John McCourt,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons, coal and groceries,	20 37	
Samuel B. Ripley, groceries,	32 00	
Byron Strout, groceries,	42 00	
Timothy G. Marshall, wood,	4 00	
G. G. Withington & Co., medicine,	1 75	
Hiram Williams, wood,	3 25	
Charles Carr, meat,	2 00	
Easton Town Farm, wood,	11 00	
		116 37
For Matthias Connelly family,		
Paid Mrs. Hugh Fitzpatrick, nursing,	27 50	
Margaret Kelley, "	86 07	
		113 57
For Henry M. Willis' family,		
Paid Joel S. Drake, groceries, &c.,	156 00	
L. R. & A. D. King, coal,	18 50	
		169 50
For Azel Randall,		
Paid Joel S. Drake, groceries,	11 00	
Town of Foxboro,	9 00	
		20 00
For Elizabeth H. French,		
Paid Joel S. Drake, clothing,		7 45

For McCullough children,		
Paid Joel S. Drake, groceries,		96 00
For Henry A. White,		
Paid Joel S. Drake, groceries, &c.,		96 60
For Asa Phillips,		
Paid Joel S. Drake, groceries, &c.,	72 86	
T. H. & J. O. Dean, coal,	14 00	
		86 86
For Amos Wade,		
Paid Geo. L. Kimball, groceries,	3 00	
Wm. H. Tobey, coffin, &c.,	11 50	
Otis R. Leonard, digging grave,	4 00	
		18 50
For Isaac Drew,		
Paid George L. Kimball, groceries,		8 00
For Hugh Fitzpatrick,		
Paid Wm. H. Tobey, burial expenses,		16 50
For Mrs. Hugh Fitzpatrick,		
Paid Byron Sproat, groceries,		2 00
For Mrs. Nicholas Murphy,		
Paid Byron Sproat, groceries,	14 43	
Charles Carr, provisions,	5 50	
Mrs. H. C. Williams, clothing,	3 25	
O. Ames & Sons, coal,	4 81	
		27 99
For Geo. W. Drake,		
Paid Byron Strout, groceries,	48 75	
Charles Carr, provisions,	25 00	
		73 75
For Ann Stanton,		
Paid Byron Strout, groceries,		41 26
For Mrs. John A. Lynch,		
Paid Byron Strout, groceries,		11 09
For Nath. B. Lincoln,		
Paid S. S. Brett, coal,	20 50	
J. W. Harding, groceries,	16 00	
		36 50
For Johnson children,		
Paid Mrs. A. L. Gwynne, board,		136 29

For Charles W. Randall,		
Paid Dr. Perry medical attendance,		2 50
For Charlotte Dunbar,		
Paid Byron Strout, groceries,	4 00	
G. G. Withington, cash,	1 00	
		5 00
For James W. Clark,		
Paid Howard Clarke & Co., coffin, &c.,		12 00
For Susan Clark,		
Paid Peter H. Pierce, groceries, &c.,		132 00
For Mrs. Patrick Coney,		
Paid Byron Stout, groceries,	18 00	
G. G. Withington, cash,	4 60	
O. Ames & Sons, coal,	4.67	
Boston,	2 00	
		28 67
For Wm. S. Holmes,		
Paid J. A. Pratt, cash,		6 00
For James Murphy,		
Paid J. J. Whipple, digging grave,		3 00
For John Slone,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons, coal and groceries,	45 92	
T. H. & J. O. Dean, coal,	4 08	
Easton Town Farm, wood,	6 50	
		46 62
For Mrs. McConnors,		
Paid Hiram Williams, groceries,	2 80	
O. Ames & Sons, coal,	8 55	
Easton Town Farm, wood,	3 50	
		14 85
For Fred Fowler,		
Paid Randolph,		203 30
For John P. O'Connell,		
Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital,	4 18	
H. J. Fuller, commitment papers,	5 00	
		9 18
For Mrs. John McEvoy,		
Paid O. Ames & Sons, groceries,		48 00

For Hannah Randall,	
Paid Boston,	10 00
For Allen Brothers,	
Paid Joel S. Drake,	13 25
For Lewis B. Terrill,	
Paid Braintree,	22 00
For Abby Ripley,	
Paid Plymouth,	57 75
For E. W. Chamberlain,	
Paid Dartmouth,	107 11
For James Lewis,	
Paid West Bridgewater,	26 00
For John Kerley Family,	
Paid Brockton,	164 60
For Mike McCool family,	
Paid Brockton,	188 12
For Ella Lewis,	
Paid Brockton,	34 00
For Emily Carroll,	
Paid Canton,	96 50

POOR OF OTHER TOWNS AND THE STATE.

For James H. Lashure, Falmouth,	
Paid J. A. Pratt, wood,	10 00
Wm. C. Howard, wood,	6 00
Geo. L. Kimball, groceries,	28 00
T. H. & J. O. Dean, coal,	6 75
J. M. Howard, groceries,	72 00
	122 75
For Alfred Gibbs, Sandwich,	
Paid Byron Strout, groceries,	20 00
For Seth Williamson, Marshfield,	
Paid Wm. H. Tobey, coffin, &c.	11 50
Easton Almshouse, burial expences,	2 12
Dr. D. L. Randall, medical attend-	
ance,	12 00
	25 62

For Adelaide Williamson, Marshfield,		
Paid Wm. H. Tobey, coffin, &c.,	11 50	
Easton Almshouse, burial expenses,	3 50	
Easton Almshouse, wood,	3 50	
Dr. Jesse J. Swan, medical attend-		
ance,	5 00	
Horace T. Mitchell, horse hire,	3 00	
		26 50
For Mary A. Snow, Braintree,		
Paid Joel S. Drake, clothing,	3 00	
Dr. D. L. Randall, medical attend-		
ance,	7 00	
		10 00
For James H. Snow, Taunton,		
Paid Joel S. Drake, groceries,		28 90
For Merritt Newcomb, Norton,		
Paid Joel S. Draks, groceries,		56 00
For Wm. S. Henrys, Raynham,		
Paid Joel S. Drake, groceries,	75 75	
Wm. E. Drake, rent,	20 00	
J. A. Pratt, wood,	1 50	
T. H. & J. O. Dean, coal,	14 00	
Dr. F. E. Tilden, medical attendance,	10 00	
		121 25
For Nathaniel Fadden, Canton,		
Paid George L. Kimball, groceries,		52 00
For Otis Bellows, Mansfield,		
Paid Geo. L. Kimball, groceries,	96 00	
Dr. D. L. Randall, medical attend-		
ance,	18 75	
		114 75
For Thomas Mason, Waltham,		
Paid Mark Morse, nursing,	10 00	
Dr. D. L. Randall, medical attend.	9 00	
		19 00
For James S. Washburn, unknown,		
Paid Byron, Strout, groceries,		3 00
For James D. Walker, aid,		5 00

For John E. Pike, State,		
Paid Joel S. Drake, groceries,		4 00
For Geo. Weis, State,		
Paid Geo. L. Kimball, groceries,		3 00
For Foundling, State,		
Paid Sylvia Downing, nursing and		
clothing,	13 13	
Lizzie S. Holmes, nursing.	15 00	
		28 13
For Ellery A. Leonard, State,		
Paid Joel S. Drake, groceries,	9 00	
Wm. H. Tobey, coffin,	10 00	
		19 00
For Bradford Leonard, State,		
Paid Joel S. Drake, groceries,		37 00
For Wm. W. Leonard, State,		
Paid Joel S. Drake, groceries,	21 00	
Wm. H. Tobey, burial expenses,	10 00	
Appropriation of Town for poor,	5500 00	
Received from other towns,	20 00	
Due from other towns and the State,	706 90	
		6226 90
Paid for poor out of Almshouse,	4950 58	
Balance against Almshouse,	1325 38	
		6275 96
Exceeded appropriation,		\$49 06

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

J. A. Pratt,		
Service as Selectman, Assessor and		
Overseer of poor,	268 50	
Conveyance,	26 50	
Cash Expenses,	7 59	
		302 59

Hiram Williams		
Services as Selectman, Assessor and		
Overseer of the Poor,	256 75	
Conveyance,	16 20	
Cash Expenses,	4 78	
		277 73
William C. Howard,		
Services as Selectman, Assessor and		
Overseer of the Poor,	197 50	
Conveyance,	46 00	
		243 50
George G. Withington,		
Services as Town Clerk and Treasurer,	30 25	
Conveyance and Cash Expenses,	29 97	
Paying State Aid,	13 65	
Collecting, Recording Indexing and		
Returning Births, Marriages and		
Deaths,	62 80	
		136 67
William L. Chaffin,		
Services as School Committee,	94,00	
Conveyance and Cash Expenses,	12 67	
		106 67
James Rankin,		
Services as School Committee,		32 25
Lincoln S. Drake,		
Services as School Committee,	67 00	
Conveyance, &c.,	8 25	
		75 25
John O. Dean,		
Services as School Committee,		20 00
P. Wm. Fecto,		
Services as Constable,		14 25
Daniel M. Dailey,		
Sealer of Weights and Measures,		25 00
		1233 91

 APPROPRIATIONS FOR YEAR, 1880.

Schools,	8767 05	
Repairs on school-house,	400 00	
Highways,	2000 00	
Tools for Road Department,	249 99	
Roller,	178 75	
Support of Poor,	5500 00	
Current expenses,	1800 00	
Car fare for high-school scholars,	130 00	
Repairs on fire engine,	200 00	
New barn &c., at Almshouse,	2500 00	
		\$21 725 79
State tax,		2 490 00
County tax,		3 230 85
Overlay,		860 70
		\$28 307 40

Valuation of Town, May 1st, 1880:—

Personal property,	2 056 685	
Real Estate,	1 136 272	
		\$31 92 957
Number of polls,	1031	
Poll tax,	\$2 00	
Rate, \$6 50 on \$1000.		

J. A. PRATT,	}	<i>Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor of Easton.</i>
HIRAM WILLIAMS,		
WM. C. HOWARD,		

Report of Road Commissioners.

Through another year your Commissioners have endeavored to repair your roads, and expend your money, to the best advantage, and for the best good of all concerned. We fully realize that it is no easy task to expend the money to the satisfaction of the town, so many and varied are the different opinions and interests, and so natural is it to be selfish, and look at personal interests, forgetting often that roads are for the public benefit, and that we must make some personal sacrifices for the public good.

Whatever may be the measure of satisfaction given this year, we believe most of our work has been well done, and will last for many years.

The grade of Main Street near John Carr's has been cut down, so that now the water runs away freely. The gravel was used in building Roach Street, and in graveling other streets, and its place supplied with crushed stone.

We have taken extra pains to keep the roads smooth and free from small stone, having scraped nearly fifty miles, and picked the stones twice during the season. We have cleared the gutters of the streets in North Easton, and they are now free, and if scraped out once or twice a year will keep in good condition.

It will be seen by the financial statement, that we were not able to complete the work we had commenced, without exceeding the appropriation. If the money has been well expended you are certainly gainers by having the money advanced, as you have enjoyed the benefits of the improvement in advance of payment.

No instructions were given us with regard to the purchase of tools; therefore we have made a separate bill, the same as last year, for which there was no appropriation. The excess over the appropriation last year, has not been taken out this year, for the reason that we had no instructions to do so.

We think it is for the interest of the town to adopt the recommendation made in last years report, relating to gravel and stone, as it would be money well invested.

CRUSHER.

The crusher has proved to be capable of doing all that was claimed for it, and the 1450 loads of crushed stone, that have been put on the roads this year, have not cost any more than gravel in that section of the town; and, that it will prove to be very much better, we feel very confident, although we shall doubtless learn much by experience as to the best method of applying it to the roads. As an evidence that we have the best crusher in the market, we will say that committees from Somerville, Lowell, Braintree, Taunton and Attleboro, have been here to see our machine in operation and have all purchased one like it.

By reason of the long continued drought, which lasted until the snow came, we have not used the crusher as much as we should have done, had there been plenty of water. But perhaps it has been used as much as the appropriation will justify.

One of the most difficult duties we have to perform, is to tell where to work, and how much in each place, so many times is the question asked of us, "When are you going to fix the road past my house?" with the remark, "It is the worst road in town."

ROAD PROPERTY.

Three of the horse carts have had $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch tires, which have always been hard to draw, as well as a great injury to the roads. We have taken the liberty to have them replaced by tires 4 inches wide, which have proved to be very much better, as they act like a roller on the new gravel and stone.

By the burning of Mr. Joseph Mayall's barn, on the night of November 13th, we lost one horse, our tool and grain boxes, most of the harnesses, and small tools. We estimate that three hundred dollars would replace with new what was burned. We were very fortunate in our misfortune, for had the fire occurred a few days sooner the loss would have been much greater.

We give below a list of the road property.

3 Horses.	5 Carts.
2 Plows.	2 Stone Drags.
1 Road Scraper.	1 Scraper.
1 Road Roller.	1 Ox Yoke.
Part of two Harnesses.	2 Halters.
1 Feed Bag.	6 pairs Hame Straps.
3 Pails,	20 Old Shovels,
17 Picks,	6 Pick Eyes,

14 New Pick Handles,	3 Pick Hoes,
3 Iron Rakes,	4 Forks,
1 Burning Brand,	1 Steel Stamp,
4 Sledges,	5 Stone Hammers,
11 Drills,	3 Large Chains,
2 Wrenches,	1 Lantern,
5 Gravel Screens,	7 Steel Bars,
6 Old Cart Tires,	Lot of Old Iron,
1 pair old Cart Wheels.	4 Sewer Grates.

ROAD MATERIAL MOVED BY TEAMS.

5756	loads of gravel.
7300	“ filling,
1450	“ crushed stone,
1593	“ stone.

16099 Total.

The Town teams commenced work on the 18th of March and finished on the 26th of October.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Town Appropriation,	\$2000 00
Town Appropriation for Roach Street,	100 00
Income of Ames Bequest,	4000 00
Town Farm, 18 loads gravel,	1 08
J. O. Dean for use of Oxen, ploughing,	7 00
J. O. Dean for use of Horse,	5 50
T. H. & J. O. Dean, use of Oxen,	10 50
Chas. E. Randall, use of Oxen,	6 30
H. F. Dean. use of Oxen,	7 87
Edmund Lothrop, gift, in work,	10 87
Received for oxen sold,	160 00
	\$6309 12

PAID FOR LABOR.

H. F. Dean,	202 days, 5½ hours,	506 37
C. D. Brown,	128 " 9 "	193 35
John Gardner		10 88
George Smith,	81 " 7 "	122 55
D. G. Smith,	124 " 1 "	186 15
Benj. Smith,	145 " 2 "	217 80
Wm. Smith,	108 " 9½ "	163 40
Ira Gardner,	57 " 7 "	86 55
Forest White,	64 " 2 "	96 30
Robert Millett,	148 " 2½ "	222 37
Jabez Mayall,	205 " 8⅔ "	308 80
Timothy Leary,	26 " 5 "	39 75
John Pike,	82 " 4 "	123 60
Peter Nolan,	150 " 6 "	225 90
Gardner H. White,		7 00
E. N. Lothrop,	52 " 2 "	78 30
Patrick Murphy,	146 " 6 "	219 90
A. T. Newcomb,	2 " "	3 00
Michael Connors,	48 " 9 "	73 35
Patrick Burns,	129 " 8 "	194 70
John Eddy,	13 " 5 "	20 25
Charles Hewett,	114 " 2 "	171 30
George Newcomb,	133 " 7 "	200 55
Luther Smith, Jr.,	1 " 5 "	2 25
George Geddis,	105 " "	157 50
Dennis Cunningham,	53 " 6 "	80 40
Daniel Welch,	51 " 4 "	77 10
John Gilmore,	48 " 8 "	73 20
Charles Crockett,	58 " 8 "	88 20
Dennis McCarty,	7 " 2 "	10 80
Patsy Desmond,	24 " 3 "	36 45
Patrick Sweeney,	4 " 8 "	7 20
Thomas Gorham,	3 " "	4 50
Cornell Cassedy,	54 " 2 "	81 30
Albert Packard,	18 " 3 "	27 45

Martin W. Ripley,	15 days, 6	hours	23 40
Patrick Murphy 2d,	47	9 "	71 85
Jerry Buckley,	3	" "	4 50
James Murray,	15	" 7 "	23 55
Andrew McGluichy,	36	" 7 "	55 05
Henry Drake,	74	" 1 "	111 15
Eben Allen,	7	" 2 "	10 80
Luther Smith,		3 $\frac{1}{3}$ "	50
Edmund Lothrop,			30 87
H. F. Dean, use of team,			3 13
Robert Millett, use of horse,			5 25
E. M. Lothrop, " "			75
A. T. Newcomb, " "			25
Town Farm, " oxen,			4 00
Charles T. Wade,			25 00
J. O. Dean,	61 days, 3	hours	153 31
J. E. Heath,	9	" 6 "	14 40
Wm. L. Leonard	19	" 4 "	29 09
Russell Leonard,	9	" 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	14 62
Benj. Leonard,	2	" 5 "	3 75
Wm. A. Randall,	1	" 5 "	2 25
John Buckley,	1	" "	1 50
Dean Ramsdall,	1	" "	1 50
J. H. Hurst,	8	" 1 "	12 15
Fred E. Murphy,	24	" 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	36 37
Preston Ramsdall,			4 50
S. A. Allen,	1	" 5 "	2 25
Daniel Ames			1 00
Charles F. Lothrop,	8	" 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	12 82
Amasa C. Heath,		5 "	75
Curtis Wade,		2 "	30
Charles Wade,		4 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	67
James Wade,		4 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	67
Ebenezer Allen,		5 "	75
A. F. Gooch,	5	" $\frac{1}{2}$ "	7 57
A. J. Gooch,	5	" 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	7 69
A. O. Gooch,	1	" 9 "	2 85

James Watts,	1	day	8	hours	2	70
Francis Marshall,	4	"	8	"	7	20
Lyman Packard,	2	"	5	"	3	75
Jason Tinkham,	4	"	6	"	6	95
L. H. Mitchell,					1	50
John Clapp,						40
F. B. Littlefield,	1	"	4	"	2	10
Edwin D. Howard,	2	"	1 $\frac{2}{3}$	"	3	25
Patrick Minton,					2	00
Lewis Randall,						45
Wm. Bower,	6	"	3 $\frac{3}{4}$	"	9	56
McDevitt,	7	"	$\frac{1}{2}$	"	10	57
N. Johnson,	1	"	5	"	2	25
Dennis Coughlin,	122	"	1	"	183	20
Aaron Hurst,	105	"	7 $\frac{3}{4}$	"	158	68
Aleck Wood,					15	00
Fred L. Ames, labor of men,					19	63
" " teams,					4	25
" removing rock on Battle Row,					2	50
" for drawing 75+ loads stone at .16					120	64
Robert Millett,	8	days	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	hours	13	27
Wm. T. Packard,	11	"	5 $\frac{1}{3}$	"	17	30
" use of team,					17	30
O. Ames & Sons, drawing 105 loads stone,					16	80
D. F. Clarke, repairing J. Mayall's barn,					3	00
Town Farm, repairing bars at Dailey's gravel pit,					1	50
L. H. Wilbur, for use of oxen,					3	00
" for men and teams, scraping roads 68 hours,					55	30
Edmund Lothrop,		"		" 30 "	11	00
J. O. Dean, use of team for conveyance,					10	75
" " " labor,					29	19
Joseph Marshall, drawing 14 ox loads gravel,					6	00
Charles E. Randall, for moving stone,					2	40
					\$5542	67

HAY PURCHASED.

T. H. & J. O. Dean,	11599 lbs. hay,	142 29
A. T. Newcomb,	3000 "	30 10
L. K. Wilbur,	7400 "	73 26
D. F. Clark,	516 "	2 50
Geo. E. Simpson,	605 "	6 05
Frank Middleton,	259 "	2 59
H. F. Dean, hay,		91 22
		\$348 01

GRAIN BILLS.

T. H. & J. O. Dean, grain bill,	271 43
Andrew N. Grady, "	4 92
Geo. L. Kimball, "	4 64
	\$280 99

PAID FOR GRAVEL.

Daniel L. Randall, 82 loads gravel,	4 10
George R. Leonard, 112 loads gravel,	3 92
Heirs of S. Snow, 72 loads gravel,	2 53
Lorenzo Lebaron, 88 loads gravel,	2 38
J. A. Pratt, 47 loads gravel,	1 64
James M. Belcher, 111 loads gravel,	5 55
Paid on account, for J. Mayall's gravel pit,	10 00
" Nathan Willis' gravel pit,	20 00
" D. M. Dailey's "	5 00
	\$55 12

HORSE SHOEING AND BLACKSMITHING.

A. Hayward & Son, shoeing and blacksmithing,	21 15
O. Ames & Sons, " "	15 32
John H. Dailey, shoeing horses,	18 25
Frank Phelan, shoeing horses,	14 33
Daniel Buckley, " "	11 25
John Sharp, blacksmithing,	39 12
	\$119 42

SUNDRIES.

Charles E. Keith, 2 Bridge stones,	7 00
L. K. Wilbur, damage to wheel,	3 00
T. D. Hervey, for surveying,	1 55
John M. Gay, doctoring horse,	3 00
Charles J. Wade, use of stable,	6 00
Francis Holmes, “	4 00
Geo. Copeland, land on Short's corner,	1 50
Timothy Remick, land to widen road,	5 00
E. R. Hayward, for post and rails,	6 78
Town Farm, boarding horse 1 month,	6 00
Daniel Belcher, plow points,	4 52
H. F. Dean, horse medicine,	50
“ kerosene oil,	1 53
“ axle oil,	5 95
“ salt,	50
“ 4 horse blankets,	5 60
“ 3 surcingles,	1 12
“ lamp wicks,	10
“ repairing fence,	1 00
“ fuse,	85
“ glass,	70
“ pass books,	55
“ repairing harnesses,	1 41
“ nails,	1 13
“ 1½ quarts neats foot oil,	57
“ 2 lbs. castile soap,	32
“ lamp black,	08
“ bolt,	05
J. O. Dean, oil for crusher,	6 80
“ 2 bottles Dr. Hopkin's powders,	1 40
“ use of scraper 7 days,	14 00
“ rendrock,	8 99
“ repairing plows,	6 45
“ 1000 pay envelopes,	1 00
“ express on report,	25
Everett Lincoln, 1 yoke oxen,	175 00

259 feet of drain pipe, used,	53 54
H. W. Clapp, 6 sewer caps,	29 42
	\$367 16

CRUSHER ACCOUNT.

Unexpected on crusher acct. in 1879,	117 70
Wm. C. Howard, stick hard pine,	2 10
	\$119 80

EXPENDED ON CRUSHER IN 1880.

S. Paull, lumber for platform,	44 12
O. Ames & Sons, bill of Nails,	1 04
Fred L. Ames, labor of men,	9 23
" teams,	3 08
" spikes,	2 10
J. O. Dean, 34½ hours work,	8 63
" nails,	1 31
G. T. McLauthlin, bill of screen,	17 15
Freight on screen,	50
Farrell Machine Co., spare parts of crusher,	24 70
Freight on same,	2 30
A. Mack, 5 hours work,	1 12
O. Ames & Sons, work,	6 84
J. O. Dean, lumber,	1 43
Excess of receipts, \$3.75.	\$123 55

TOOLS PURCHASED.

27 shovels,	27 36
2 shovels mended,	1 00
1 sledge and handle,	2 80
12 pick handles,	3 00
12 pick eyes,	10 50
1 horse collar,	4 50
1 sweat pad,	1 75
1 saddle pad,	2 50

2 iron rakes,	1 75
1 gravel screen,	7 50
3 dippers,	60
1 horse brush,	1 00
4 currycombs,	1 00
2 cards,	16
4 mane brushes,	2 48
Sponges,	50
Water pails,	1 02
Whips,	70
6 hoes,	2 44
Whetstone,	60
1 ox yoke,	9 00
1 trowel,	75
2 hammers,	1 87
2 hammer handles,	40
Painting tool box and roller,	1 50
S. D. Simpson, for rims and tires for 6 cart wheels,	66 00
“ for other repairs,	24 40
Town Farm, drag plank,	3 00
	\$180 08

The amount due the commissioners for tools, is \$180.08
 and expended over the appropriation for crusher \$3.75.
 Expended over appropriation for repairs in 1880, \$404.25
 Expended over appropriation for repairs in 1879, \$372.09

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN O. DEAN,	} <i>Commissioners.</i>
HIRAM F. DEAN,	
CHARLES T. WADE,	



Treasurer's Report.

TOWN OF EASTON *in account with*

GEO. G. WITHINGTON, *Treas.*

CR. CASH RECEIVED.

Balance in Treasury January 1st,	\$1,813 06
Assessors' return of Taxes for 1880,	23,238 02
On loan in anticipation of taxes,	9,789 03
From F. L. Ames, income of "Ames Bequest"	
from March 1, 1880 to Sept. 1, 1880,	4,000 00
From F. L. Ames, income of "Ames Bequest"	
on account of Roads,	2,000 00
From Commonwealth,	
Corporation tax,	5,327 48
National Bank tax,	3,316 73
State Aid,	1,077 00
Indigent Soldiers' Aid,	108 81
State Paupers,	125 00
Temporary support of Poor,	8 00
School Fund,	181 09
	10,144 11

From Dorchester Mut. Insurance Co.,	1,325 00
License,	1 00
A. S. Belcher, bal for harness.	10 38
P. W. Fecto, use of lock-up,	3 00
Tuition in High school,	44 00
Dog money,	289 80
Aid to poor refunded,	123 63
From City of Taunton,	160 32
Town of Norton,	114 55
Brockton,	160 00
Waltham,	72 00
Dedham,	34 00
Sandwich,	20 00
Marshfield,	52 12
	\$53394 02

DR. CASH PAID.

Support of Poor outside of Almshouse,	5,146 21
Indigent Soldiers' aid ch. 252,	779 16
Printing Town Reports,	104 00
Printing blanks, & c.,	37 75
On acc't of Almshouse,	2,463 93
Taxes remitted.	40 11
Wages of Teachers,	10,540 49
Other School expenses,	2,740 02
Repairs of school houses,	945 05
Car fare of scholars to high school,	138 00
Dr. D. L. Randall, case of Easton and Wareham,	25 00
" medical attendance on Poor,	25 00
Dr. G. B. Cogswell, " " "	80 00
Repairs on Fire Engine,	110 03
J. T. Barden, Warden's Salary,	100 00
On account of New Barn at Almshouse,	2,081 51
Money for Roads,	6,000 00

Money for Roach Road,	100 00
Money appropriated for Roller and Tools,	428 74
Shoveling Snow,	2 40
Town Officers, for services &c.,	1,233 91
Copying Records,	100 00
Rent of Town Hall,	60 00
Sundry Express charges,	4 30
Discount on Tax List, 6 per cent.	1,394 29
Notes and Interest,	10,223 09
State Tax,	2,490 00
County Tax,	3,230 85
National Bank Tax,	399 22
County Treasurer, Dog Licenses,	289 80
Truant Officer, Dist. No. 7	19 50
Repairing Standard Weights,	1 50
Sundries for Lockup and care of same,	36 31
Joseph Barrows, Committee expenses,	2 19
	\$51,372 36

State Aid as follows, viz:—

John W. McDonald,	\$51 00
Thomas Donahue,	36 00
Geo. A. Lackey,	120 00
Simeon A. Randall,	51 00
Edw. A. Cotter	54 00
Jos. H. Ridlow,	96 00
Chas. T. Williams,	24 00
Dennison S. Drew,	96 00
George N. Blanchard,	84 00
Andrew N. Grady,	36 00
Charles F. Lothrop,	27 00
Mrs. James McEvoy,	48 00
Mary Richards.	48 00
Salome Lothrop,	48 00
Caroline F. Hill,	48 00
Charlotte A. Pope,	48 00

Susan E. Pool,	48 00	
Eveline O. Legrow,	48 00	
Celia J. Wells,	48 00	
Ann Haney,	48 00	
		1,107 00
		\$52,479 36
Uncollected Taxes,	394 79	
Cash in Treasury,	519 87	
		914 66
		\$53,394 02

GEO. G. WITHINGTON, *Treasurer.*

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Easton, February 9, 1881.

We the subscribers, Auditors of the accounts of the Town of Easton for the year ending Dec. 31, 1880, have examined the accounts of Geo. G. Withington, Treasurer, and have found the same correctly cast and properly vouched for.

EDWARD N. MORSE, }
 GEO. W. KENNEDY, } *Auditors.*

STATEMENT OF SCHOOL ACCOUNT WITH TREASURY.

CR.

Appropriation for 1880,	8,767 05
From "Ames' Fund,	4,000 00
Tuition in High School,	44 00
Use of School House,	1 00
"Dog Fund,"	264 75
"School Fund,"	181 09
	<u> \$13,257 89</u>

DR.

Amount drawn for Teachers' wages,	10,540 49
" " Fuel, Supplies, &c.,	2,740 02
	<u> 13,280 51</u>
Account overdrawn,	\$22 62
Appropriation for Repairs of School Houses,	400 00
Amount drawn on account of Repairs,	945 00
	<u> \$545 05</u>

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' ACCOUNT WITH TREASURY.

CR.

Appropriation for Repairs of	
Highways,	2,000 00
From "Ames Fund"	4,000 00
Appropriation for "Roach Road"	100 00
" Roller and Tools,	428 74
	<u> \$6,528 74</u>

DR.

Amount paid upon orders of Commissioners,	6,528.74
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 CONDITION OF TREASURY, DEC. 31, 1880.

ASSETS.

Cash,	519 87	
Uncollected Taxes,	394 79	
		\$914 66
Due from Commonwealth:		
For State Aid,	1,107 00	
" " ch. 252,	375 16	
For State Paupers,	130 13	
		\$1,612 29
Due from City of Taunton,		28 90
" Town of Braintree,		10 00
" " Canton,		52 00
" " Falmouth,		122 75
" " Mansfield,		114 75
" " Norton,		56 00
" " Raynham,		143 50
" " Waltham,		19 00
Total Assets,		\$3,073 85

LIABILITIES.

Due to the Warden of Almshouse,	318 75
Balance in favor of Treasury,	\$2,755 10

 GEO. G. WITHINGTON, *Treasurer.*

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EASTON IN 1880.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Jan'y	1 Margaret Harvey,	F	Cornelius and Mary.
	8 Charles D. Haskens,	M	Charles and Eunice.
	11 William F. Kelley,	M	Daniel and Margaret.
	12 Frederic McDonald,	M	David N. and Mary A.
	14 Thomas Connolly,	M	Matthias and Mary.
	15 Lars B. Grundberg,	M	Emmerick and Bertha.
	18 Bertha A. Phillips,	F	Horace and Janet.
	19 Jeremiah Desmond,	M	Daniel and Norah,
	20 William " "	M	" "
	26 Jeremiah Riley,	M	Michael and Hannah.
Feb'y	5 Catherine Leary,	F	Dennis and Hannah.
	5 John Toomey,	M	Michael and Julia.
	10 Amy R. Pierce,	F	Virgil L. and Mary R.
	14 John A. Flannagan,	M	Matthew and Eliza E.
	15 Catherine Campion,	F	Patrick and Mary.
	17 ——— Thomas,	M	Connell and Bridget.
	20 Hannah Flynn,	F	Timothy and Julia.
	20 William J. Hammond,	M	Lewis and Julia.
	22 Lewis L. Wade,	M	Lewis B. and Augusta A.
	23 Lizzie D. Wells,	F	Herbert C. and Amelia.
March	24 Ellen E. Lynch,	F	Cornelius and Mary.
	27 John H. Kelleher,	M	Jeremiah and Elizabeth.
	9 Ina A. Blanchard,	F	George N. and Margaret C.
	12 Raiph E. Dailey,	M	Charles K. and Maria.
	12 Susanna Davidson,	F	John and Mary.
	19 James S. Buckley,	M	Daniel J. and Abby D.
April	14 Annie L. McCourt,	F	Barney and Letitia.
	20 Dennis F. Leary,	M	James and Ellen.
	26 Harry J. Clarke,	M	Charles J. and Ella F.
	27 Elvira Johnson,	F	Nils P. and Matilda.
	28 Albert S. Dickerman,	M	John L. and Adaline.
May	2 Francis Edward Anderson,	M	Andrew P. and Eva.
	30 George H. Holmes,	M	Henry M. and Anjanette.
	31 Carl T. Howard,	M	Thomas W. and Laura L.
June	3 Lottie M. Drew,	F	Isaac and Eliza C.
	6 Edmond F. McVeigh,	M	Peter and Catherine.
	9 Thomas F. Sheehan,	M	Thomas and Maria.
	9 Margaret C. Callahan,	F	Owen and Ellen.
	10 Kenneth Mitchell,	M	Horace G. and Elizabeth.
	14 Edward Reed,	M	William and Ella.
	16 Thomas Clarke,	M	William and Agnes.
	20 Charles E. St. Jean.	M	Frederic and Rosina.
	23 Harriet J. Nye,	F	Benj. T. and Rebecca J.
	27 George B. Cotter,	M	Edward A. and Joanna.
July	2 James Galvin,	M	John and Mary,
	8 Harry L. Almquest,	M	John and Gustava.
	10 Ethel B. Willis,	F	Laura D. and Emily W.
	12 Herbert Bosworth,	M	William H. and Nancy.
	17 Helen V. Jones,	F	Horace and Mary.
	17 Leola F. Brooks,	F	William F. and Inella J.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EASTON IN 1880.—*Continued.*

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX.	NAME OF PARENTS.
July 31	George C. Barrows,	M	George and Susan,
Aug. 2	Lawrence Travers,	M	Edward and Hannah,
2	Helma O. Anderson,	F	August and Olivia.
3	— Vaughan,	M	John and Kate.
8	Michael E. Wise,	M	Oliver and Mary.
10	Edward A. Gooch,	M	Athelstone E. and Cora E.
15	Roland H. Alger,	M	Cyrus and Ella.
19	Fritz A. Rohdin,	M	John A. and Christine.
25	Ethel Packard,	F	William T. and Flora E.
31	Aba A. Johnson,	F	Charles and Fredrika.
Seps. 2	Herman L. Tinkham,	M	David B. and Minnie B.
4	John S. Mahoney,	M	John and Mary.
7	Eldred A. Hayward,	M	Albert M. and Francis.
10	Rosella Jackson,	F	James A. and Rose Ann.
12	Anna M. Schraut,	F	Simon and Anna M.
11	Florence M. King,	F	Walter C. and Mary J.
23	— Cunningham,	F	James and Delia.
Oct. 3	Henry Bruce Wood,	M	Robert and Mary.
4	Carl W. Dahlberg,	M	Charles F. and Laura M.
5	Bessie S. Holbrook,	F	Geo. L. Southworth and Alice Holbrook.
5	Richard T. Burke,	M	Richard and Annie.
8	Jeremiah Conners,	M	Michael and Honora.
13	Elof L. Johnson,	M	Augustus and Brita C.
15	Catherine Quill,	F	Dennis and Ellen.
30	Thomas E. Hennessey,	M	David and Mary.
30	Elizabeth McMenamy,	F	Michael and Mary.
Nov, 7	Jeremiah F. McCarty,	M	Jeremiah and Mary.
24	— Gooch,	M	James F. and Sarah J.
27	Rose Bradley,	F	James and Mary A.
30	Arthur G. Wilson,	M	Harris Y. and Emily A.
Dec. 3	Lucy E. Keith,	F	Thomas B. and Ella L.
4	— Belcher,	M	William T. and Ella F.
10	Frank W. McGuire,	M	Charles and Ellen,
10	Timothy Dwyer,	M	Michael and Joanna.
14	— Thayer,	F	Hiram and Elizabeth B.
20	Sarah Bishop,	F	Thomas and Sarah.
22	Edward Williams,	M	Thomas E. and Isabella.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN EASTON IN 1880.

- Jan. 13 Geo. E. Dana and Nettie P. Guild, both of Easton.
 13 John Rogers, of New Bedford, and Ann E. Conlin, of Easton.
 13 Daniel J. Buckley and Abby D. Russell, both of Easton.
 24 George L. Clark, of Boston, and Mary J. Carroll, of Easton.
 7 C. Francis Cobb and Hattie E. Jewett, both of Brockton.
 19 Luther C. Turner and Emma F. Sargent, both of W. Bridgewater
- Apr. 11 Walter C. King, of Pawtucket, and Mary J. Wells, of Easton.
 21 Henry M. Bird, of Stoughton, and Josephine Marshall, of Easton.
 22 Peter C. Keith, of Easton, and Mary Lubey, of E. Bridgewater.
 22 Edward Curran and Isabella Wood, both of Easton.
 24 Frederic Kehr and Lena Baier, both of Easton.
 28 Wm. O. Chapman, of Canton, and Bessie G. DeWitt of Easton.
- May 7 Charles F. Monk and Emma Rankin, both of Easton.
 11 Patrick Ready and Margaret Kelleher, both of Easton.
 13 Laforest L. Simmons, of Somerset, and Hattie S. Willis, of Easton.
- June 15 Patrick Sullivan and Joanna Lucey, both of Easton.
- July 4 Eugene Linnehan, of Brockton, and Ellen McKeon, of Easton.
- Aug. 10 Sidney A. Childs and Martha J. Bonney, both of Easton.
 13 John J. Frojdhal and Maria Svanson, both of Easton.
 31 Patrick Bradley and Anna Ryan, both of Easton.
- Sept. 15 Geo. R. Farwell, of Boston, and Harriet Copeland, of Easton.
- Oct. 12 Michael Kelleher and Mary Nagle, both of Easton.
 12 Michael Desmond and Julia Buckley, both of Easton.
 14 Char. E. Francis, of Somerset, and Mary E. Drew, of Easton.
 23 Warren F. Smith, of Easton, and Mary E. Langley, of Somerville.
 31 Fred A. Allen and Frances H. Buck, both of Easton.
- Nov. 2 Alexander Wood and Jane Moore, both of Easton.
 11 John Malloy, of Easton, and Tary Welby, of Boston.
 25 Roger Williams, of Taunton, and Harriet E. Carr, of Easton.
 24 Elijah W. Stevens of Mansfield, and Elizabeth A. Phillips of Easton.
- Dec. 15 J. Clinton Goward and Alice J. Strout, both of Easton.
 28 Chas. W. Paekard, of Brockton, and C. Luella Randall, of Easton.
 24 Frank F. Hill and Mary E. Bean, both of Easton.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EASTON IN 1880.

DATE.		NAME.	AGE.			CAUSE OF DEATH.
			Yrs.	Mos	Dys	
Jan.	1	Joel Randall,	79	1	23	Pneumonia.
	3	Hannah Bradley,	31			Septicaemia
	3	Mary Collins,	57			Apoplexy
	21	Sarah L. Lynch,	41	9	20	Consumption.
	22	Mary Connolly,	36			Puerperal Peritonitis.
Feb.	28	Charles W. Evans.	24	1	15	Consumption.
	1	John Davis Gardner,	30			Burning.
	1	Catherine Gardner,	30			"
	15	Anni McCourt,	64			Intestinal Obstruction.
	24	Peter McLaughlin,	18	11	9	Phthisis Pulm.
March	2	Frederic Brisbane,	19	11	15	R. R. Accident
	6	Elizabeth Staples,	49	5	10	Cancer.
	16	Margaret McDermott,	2	9	7	Catarrhal Pneumonia.
	18	Hugh Fitzpatrick,	60			R. R. Accident.
	18	Mary Reilly,	19	4	6	Consumption.
April	13	William Gilmore,	63			Marasmus
	17	Francis Tilden,	60	10	2	Croupous Pneumonia.
	22	Amos C. Wade,	68	7	28	Dropsy of Heart.
	23	Nabby Sylvester,	88	4		Influenza.
	27	Martha D. King,	57	8		Oedema of Lungs.
May	28	Sarah Howard,	66	7	21	Paralysis.
	1	Nicholas Drummey,	30			Pneumonia.
	9	Emma E. Cox,		6		Capillary Bronchitis.
	12	Barzillai Drake,	78	8	21	Cancer.
	14	Carl D. Minser,	1	3	15	Tubercular Meningitis,
June	19	Ellery Leonard.				Phthisis,
	22	Patrick M. McMullen,	72	2	5	Pneumonia.
	27	Nicholas Murphy,	65			Bright's Disease.
	28	Charles Jordan,		3		Convulsions.
	5	Laurence Travers,	23			Phthisis Pulm.
July	23	Cordelia C. Fecto,	45	2		" "
	27	Timothy Sullivan,	23	1	10	Sunstroke.
	29	Napoleon Denehure,	2	2		Phthisis Pulm.
	30	John O'Keefe,	69			Pneumonia.
	19	Margaret M. Johnston,	8	10	22	Fracture of Skull.
Aug.	20	Betsey Drake,	78	3	24	Acute Bronchitis.
	21	Seth Williamson,	68			Heart Disease.
	23	Sarah Jane Downey,		6	12	Cholera Infantum.
	30	Elvira B. Clark,	72	11	26	Disease of Heart.
	31	Harriet Utton,	26	9	23	Consumption.
Sept.	5	Edmund Lebaron,	63	0	18	Apoplexy.
	11	Jeremiah Desmond,		7	11	Cholera Infantum.
	20	Timothy Linnehan,	1	4	6	" "
	29	Richard Tonks,		5		" "
	31	Adelaide Williamson,	29	10		Puerperal Metritis.
Oct.	10	Kenneth Mitchell,		3		Eutero. Colitis.
	1	John O'Neil,			2	Cholera Infantum.
	1	William Phelan,	74			Cancer.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EASTON IN 1880.—*Continued.*

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			CAUSE OF DEATH
		Yrs.	Mos	Dys	
	10 Rose Ella Jackson,		1		Abscess, Marasmus,
	12 Lincoln Drake,	86	9	21	Asthenia.
	16 Marshall G. Keenan,	39	11	27	Heart Disease.
	18 Sarah D. Jones,	66			Paralysis.
	20 Joseph R. Peckham,	75	11	11	Gen. Debility.
	21 William Desmond.		9		Abscess.
	23 Sanford R. Bolton.	74	6		Bright's Disease.
	24 John Harnett,	26			Typhoid Fever.
	29 Jas. W. Harrigan.	21	3	19	Phthisis Pulm.
Nov.	4 Hiram French.	77			Asthenia.
	13 Lewis Jones,	70	3	3	Intestinal Obstruction.
	24 Mary Sheekan,	65			Typhoid Fever.
Dec.	1 Eloy L. Johnson,		1	16	Marasmus.
	2 John McCourt,	68			Gangrene Senile.
	6 Elizabeth E. Swan,	42	6	24	Convulsions.
	11 Jesse Willis,	83	7	20	Erysipelas.
	21 Sally S. Smith,	71			Softening of Brain.

GEO. G. WITHINGTON, TOWN CLERK.

REPORT

On Soldiers' Monument.

At the last annual town meeting in the month of March, it was voted "to choose a Committee of five persons, to consider the question of erecting a Soldiers' Monument, or Memorial Hall, and report to the town at its next annual meeting."

Pursuant to the above vote the undersigned were chosen a Committee, and having given the subject much and careful examination, and consideration, respectfully submit the following report.

During the late civil war, when the services of soldiers were so earnestly sought and highly appreciated, the State Legislature enacted the following law.

ACTS OF 1864, CHAP. 100.

"Towns may at legal meetings, grant and vote such sums of money as they judge necessary for the purpose of erecting monuments in memory of their soldiers who have died, or may die in the service of our country in the present war."

Although fifteen years have passed since the close of the war, we cannot have forgotten the terrible conflict through which the country passed;—the awful sacrifice of human life—and the vast expenditure of treasure involved in the suppression of the rebellion.

We cannot have forgotten how promptly a military company of our town responded to the call of the government; and in a few hours was on its way to Fortress Monroe.

We cannot have forgotten the anxiety that weighed so heavily upon us, as call after call was made for more men and means to carry on the war.

We cannot have forgotten the sorrow that pierced our hearts as one after another of our townsmen fell in sustaining our glorious flag.

Easton furnished three hundred and thirty four men for the army and navy, and expended more than forty thousand dollars for war purposes.

Nearly fifty of our own townsmen went forth to battle and to death. They are numbered with the "unreturning brave."

The inestimable value of the results of the war—the consolidation of the nation—the abolition of slavery—the integrity of the national domain—all should exalt our appreciation of the sacrifices of our soldiers who perished in the conflict.

In view of all the circumstances, we think it would be an act of eminent patriotism, as well as the discharge of a solemn duty for the town to erect some appropriate monument or memorial to commemorate the services and death of our soldiers in the late war.

Many towns have erected monuments, and others contemplate doing so.

The town has about four thousand inhabitants, and is in easy financial circumstances. It is very favorably situated for such an expenditure. It is out of debt, with a surplus in the treasury—a valuation of more than three million dollars—a large corporation tax—an income from several large legacies and a comparatively low rate of taxation.

The burden would be lightly felt; and the credit would be conspicuous, honorable and patriotic.

If the town should do anything in this matter, we hope it will be liberal and generous. Let us have something that will honor the memory of our soldiers, and not commemorate our own niggardliness—something to which we can proudly point and say—a duty has been performed.

The Committee have examined monuments, and been in communication, and consultation with parties who offer to furnish a monument. Plans, models, and drawings have been submitted to their consideration.

We think an appropriate monument can be erected for a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars.

The matter of locating a monument may be of special interest. It is hoped that personal preferences will yield to the public good; and that the location will be such as to give the greatest effect to the purpose for which a monument should be erected.

The committee have thus briefly presented to the town the results of their investigation of the subject referred to them.

In conclusion we recommend to the town to grant, raise and appropriate five thousand dollars for the purpose of erecting a monument to the memory of their soldiers and sailors who died in the service of their country, in the late war of the rebellion.

GEORGE B COGSWELL, OAKES A AMES, LINCOLN S. DRAKE, GEORGE A. LACKEY, JOSEPH BARROWS.	}	<i>Committee.</i>
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Easton, Feb. 1st, 1881.

LIST OF JURORS AS MADE OUT BY THE
SELECTMEN.

Leavitt L. Berry,
Dennis S. Buck,
Lucien Bonney,
Joseph Barrows
Leander Chase,
Hugh Curran,
D. Fred. Clark,
Henry Carr,
Abbott L. Drake,
John O. Dean,
Daniel W. Dickerman,
William H. Frost,
Levi Fitton,
Alpheus Fobes,
Frank E. Goward,
Henry L. Howard,
William C. Howard,
Thaxter D. Hervey,
Edwin D. Howard,
J. Preston Howard,
Samuel A. Hayward,
Thomas B. Keith,

Hiram Keith,
Nathan King,
Daniel C. Lillie,
Wm. Herbert Lothrop,
Herbert C. Marshall,
Jonathan A. Pratt,
Nathaniel W. Perry
William P. Packard,
William T. Packard,
Ramoeth G. Randall,
Lucius D. Seaver,
William F. Staples,
Elijah P. Spooner,
J. Edmond Shepherdson,
William J. Twohig,
Edward D. Williams,
Henry P. Waite,
Charles J. Wade,
William F. White,
John D. G. Williams,
James Young,

J. A. PRATT,
HIRAM WILLIAMS,
WM. C. HOWARD, } *Selectmen
of
Easton.*

Easton, Feb. 23rd, 1881.

TOWN WARRANT.

BRISTOL SS.

TO P. WILLIAM FECTO, *Constable of the Town of
Easton, in the County of Bristol,*

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Easton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Easton, on the seventh day of March next, at one o'clock, then and there to act on the following articles:—

1st. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

2d. To see if the town will accept the report of the selectmen, overseers of the poor, road commissioners, treasurer and school committee.

3d. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

4th. To determine the manner of repairing the highways, townways and bridges for the ensuing year.

5th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

6th. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

7th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to pay the fare on the railroad from Easton to North Easton, for such scholars as wish to attend the High School at North Easton.

8th. To see if the town will accept the road as laid out by the selectmen, commencing at Main Street, North Easton, near the residence of J. W. Lincoln, past the late residence of Henry Stevenson, and to intersect the road leading past the lock up, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

9th. To see if the town will vote to erect a Soldiers Monument, and raise and appropriate money for that purpose.

10th. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as made out by the selectmen.

11th. To see if the town will adopt By Laws for the safety and good order of the town.

12th. To see whether the town will, by its vote or otherwise, ask the Legislature to extend to women who are citizens, the right to hold town offices and to vote in town affairs on the same terms as male citizens.

13th. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not; and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town clerk, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty fifth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty one.

J. A. PRATT,	}	<i>Selectmen of Easton.</i>
HIRAM WILLIAMS,		
WM. C. HOWARD,		